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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE PAYS BRIEF VISIT TO LONDON

1. SUMMARY. TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE SPENT ABOUT THIRTY-SIX HOURS IN LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 24-25 ON HIS WAY BACK TO TANZANIA. PRIME MINISTER WILSON WAS UNABLE TO SEE HIM BECAUSE OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS, AND ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL AT FCO, THERE WERE NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BRITISH AND NYERERE. TANZANIAN PRESIDENT DID GIVE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO FINANCIAL TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED RHODESIA, ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYERERE SPENT ABOUT THIRTY-SIX HOURS IN LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 24-25 ENROUTE BACK TO DAR ES
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SALAAM FROM THE CARIBBEAN. PRIME MINISTER WILSON HAD

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ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO HAVE MEETING WITH NYERERE AND TO OFFER SOME SORT OF HOSPITALITY TO HIM, BUT THESE PLANS WERE SCRAPPED WHEN WILSON DECIDED TO CALL ELECTION FOR OCTOBER 10. ACCORDING TO OFFICER FROM EAST AFRICAN DEPARTMENT, BRITISH WERE DISAPPOINTED AT WILSON'S INABILITY TO MEET WITH NYERERE AT TIME WHEN UK RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA ON THE UPSWING. BRITISH BELIEVE NYERERE UNDERSTOOD SITUATION, AND NO HARM HAS BEEN DONE TO UK-TANZANIAN TIES. ONLY MINISTER WHO SAW NYERERE WAS JOAN LESTER, JUNIOR MINISTER AT FCO IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH AFRICA AND CARIBBEAN. CONVERSATION DEALT ENTIRELY WITH UK ELECTIONS. NYERERE SPENT REMAINDER OF TIME RESTING AFTER HECTIC CUBAN TOUR AND RECEIVING OLD FRIENDS.

3. DURING HIS LONDON SOJOURN, NYERERE DID GIVE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO FINANCIAL TIMES' AFRICAN CORRESPONDENT, BRIDGET BLOOM. INTERVIEW WAS REPORTED IN FINANCIAL TIMES ON SEPTEMBER 25, AND HAS COMMENTS BY NYERERE ON RHODESIA. ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUES.

4. PRINCIPAL POINT OF NYERERE COMMENTS ON RHODESIA WAS THAT THERE IS STILL TIME TO NEGOTIATE PEACEFUL SOLUTION VIA MAJORITY RULE. NYERERE CALLED ON BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE CLEAR TO SALISBURY THAT BRITISH GOAL FOR RHODESIA'S FUTURE IS MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. IF THAT WERE DONE, IAN SMITH COULD REALIZE MILITARY VICTORY AGAINST AFRICAN NATIONALIST FIGHTERS IS IMPOSSIBLE, AND THERE COULD BE AMICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT. SMITH SHOULD ALSO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO AS EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE SHOW THAT AFRICAN FREEDOM MOVEMENTS FOUGHT ONLY WHEN THEIR OPPONENTS REFUSED TO TALK. A ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE AFRICANS, THE WHITE MAJORITY AND BRITAIN COULD RESOLVE THE COLONIAL PROBLEM. NYERERE WOULD GIVE NO TIMETALBE FOR SUCH SCENARIO.

5. NYERERE TOLD BLOOM THAT A COMMON FRONT BETWEEN THE MPLA AND FNLA IS VITAL TO ANGOLA'S PEACEFUL FUTURE, AND THAT HE PERSONALLY WORKED HARD TO SECURE AGREEMENT AT BRAZZAVILLE BETWEEN RIVAL MPLA FACTIONS WHICH HE "HOPED" WOULD BE DURABLE. WITHOUT UNITY BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA, CONFIDENTIAL

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"THERE WILL BE CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA."

6. NYERERE WAS UNWILLING TO BE DRAWN OUT ON DETAILS OF THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD ITS SOUTHERN AFRICAN NEIGHBORS. FRELIMO'S HISTORY AND IDEOLOGY, HOWEVER, "MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE" THAT IT WOULD EVER BE A CLIENT STATE OF SOUTH AFRICA. MOREOVER, IT SEEMED CERTAIN THAT FORMAL LINKS WITH RHODESIA WOULD BE OUT. NY-

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ERERE ALSO EMPHASIZED FRELIMO'S COMMITMENT TO MULTI-RACIALISM AND ITS DESIRE THAT THE MAJORITY OF PORTUGUESE IN MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD STAY. THIS COULD PRINCIPALLY EXPLAIN FRELIMO'S ESPECIALLY CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. CORRESPONDENT BLOOM TOLD EMBOFF THAT POINT OF THIS COMMENT WAS THAT CAUTIOUS STATEMENTS ON RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA BY FRELIMO LEADERS ARE BEING MADE TO AVOID SCARING WHITE SETTLERS, PARTICULARLY FARMERS FRELIMO HOPES WILL REMAIN IN MOZAMBIQUE. NYERERE EMPHASIZED FRELIMO IDEOLOGY COMMITTED TO AFRICAN FREEDOM; HOWEVER, ITS PRIME CONCERN NOW (SHARED BY INDEPENDENT BLACK AFRICANS) WAS THE CONSOLIDATION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE. THIS WAS THE MAIN REASON WHY SAMORA MACHEL HAD NOT BECOME MOZAMBIQUES'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER, DECIDING INSTEAD TO CONCENTRATE ON THE REORGANIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF FRELIMO.

7. TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED AF/P.
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